

HB

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 5/2/94

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: 5-3-94

The Finance Co. considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 239(RES) am

"An Act relating to raffles and auctions of certain permits to take big game; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

replace with _____ CS _____ (FINANCE)

or adopt previous 5 CS CS HB 239 (RES)

attaches amendment(s)

same title
 new title
 technical title change
 (HB only)

adopts _____ Letter of Intent

further referral to the _____

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

NEW FISCAL NOTES

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTES

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal
DEFG	12/20/93	1.0	opt
		25.0	NO.

Appropriation No Fiscal Note

DO PASS:

Scott May
Steve King
Tom Kelly
George ...

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

John ...

1. Mark ...
 Co-Chair: Signature/Recommendation

2. Tom ...
 Co-Chair: Signature/Recommendation

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1994 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. 2

Bill Version: CSHB 239 (Res) am

(S) Publish Date: 5-3-94

Revision Date: 12/17/93
 Title: An Act relating to raffles and auctions of certain permits to take big game
 Sponsor: Representative Bunde
 Requestor: House Resources

Dept. Affected: Fish and Game
 BRU: Wildlife Conservation
 Component: Wildlife Conservation
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 0473

Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00
OPERATING EXPENDITURES						
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
CHANGE IN REVENUES (1024)	25.0	25.0	50.0	50.0	100.0	100.0

FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other (1024 Fish & Game Fund)	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
TOTAL	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY 94) cost: \$ 0.0

POSITIONS

	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00
FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See attached page for assumptions used in revenue fund source estimates.

Changes in SCS CSHB 239 (RES) reflect NO FISCAL CHANGE from the original fiscal note. This fiscal note is appropriate.

5/3/94
date Comptroller (initial)

Prepared By: Wayne Regelin, Deputy Director
 Division: Wildlife Conservation
 Approved by Commissioner: [Signature]
 Agency: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Phone: 465-4190
 Date: 12/17/93
 Date: 12/20/93

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FISCAL ANALYSIS OF HB 239

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Assumptions:

Operating Expenditures:

Approximately \$1.0 in contracting, advertising, and postage costs would be spent biennially to establish, develop, and provide opportunities for qualified organizations to participate in the program.

Revenue:

The department anticipates that the Fish & Game Fund will earn between 25.0 and 100.0 annually from the auction/raffle of big game hunting permits, depending on the number of permits offered, state of the economy, other variables.

Anticipated earnings are based on experience of other states and raffle of the Delta bison permit. The single Delta bison permit currently raffled in support of the Alaska Fish & Wildlife Safeguard program earns the F&G Fund between 15.0 and 20.0 per annum. The auction of bighorn sheep permits in different western states has raised amounts ranging from 20.0 to 250.0. Permits for other species (e.g., moose, bison, deer, elk, antelope) have earned from 3.0 to 16.0 at auction.

Because of the possibilities Alaska has to offer in the way of hunting opportunity and combination hunts, we expect that as the program develops and becomes established, the long-term potential for revenue will increase.

Back-up

House of Representatives

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 27, 1994

TO: Senator Drue Pearce
Senator Steve Frank
Co-Chairman Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Representative Con Bunde
Co-Chair House Health Education & Social Services Committee

RE: Committee hearing for HB 239

HB 239, "An Act relating to raffles and auctions of certain permits to take big game; and providing for an effective date." is currently in the Senate Finance Committee. This memo is a request to schedule a committee hearing for HB 239 at your earliest possible convenience.

HB 239 will allow the Department of Fish and game to issue, through a competitive auction or raffle, up to two harvest permits each year for each of the following species: Dall sheep, bison, musk ox, brown or grizzly bear, moose, caribou, and wolf. The auction or raffle would be conducted by a qualified organization that may retain no more than ten percent of the auction or raffle profits. The remaining amount will be deposited into the Fish and Game fund.

There are at least 11 Western states that have within their statutes provisions for auctioning or raffling big game harvest permits. The positive impact on their budgets has been significant.

This bill will produce revenue that will enable the Department of Fish and Game to continue providing programs vital to the their success.

Thank you for your cooperation with this proposed legislation. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call my office.



House of Representatives

Sponsor Statement

HB 239

"An Act Relating to Raffles and Auctions of Certain
Permits to Take Big Game; Providing For an Effective Date"

Section 1 (a) of this bill repeals and reenacts AS 16.05.343. Its contents are unchanged.

Section 1 (b) would allow the Department of Fish and Game to issue, through a competitive auction or raffle, up to two harvest permits each year for each of the following species: Dall sheep, bison, musk ox, brown or grizzly bear, moose, caribou, and wolf. The auction or raffle would be conducted by a qualified organization that may retain no more than ten percent of the auction or raffle profits. The remaining amount will be deposited into the Fish and Game fund under AS 16.05.100.

The person who receives a permit shall receive a complimentary hunting license which will bear the inscription "Governor's license" and a big game tag. It is required that the person who receives the permit, license or tag must act in accordance with applicable law.

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In light of Department of Fish and Game budget cuts, the additional revenue injected into the fund will enable the Department to continue delivering programs that are integral to the Department's success.

States That Have Game Permits Auctioned or Ruffled

Nevada, Montana, Arizona, Utah, North Dakota, Texas, Idaho, California.

		Sheep	Moose	Goat	Elk	Buffalo
Nevada	1981-1993	\$549,552			\$12,000'93	
Montana	1986-1993	\$789,000	\$35,000			
Arizona	1984-1993	\$742,000			\$79,250	\$2,100
Wyoming	1983-1993	\$540,000	\$10,000			
Utah	1980-1993	\$296,500	\$30,356		\$23,187	\$6,500
North Dakota	1986-1993	\$209,000				
Idaho	1988-1993	\$216,000				
California	1987-1993	\$409,000			\$20,000 '93	
Colorado	1989-1993	\$195,000		\$45,000		
New Mexico	1990-1993	\$238,000				
Oregon	1987-1993	\$215,000				

These numbers are from various sources including: Wildlife Conservation, Foundation For North American Wild Sheep, Safari Club International and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. The dollar amounts listed are an approximation of the actual amount received by the states. The amounts approximated are believed to be quite a bit lower than the actual totals.

Example of a State that auctions the permits to several types of species.

Arizona \$1,169,000 since 1984 Average per year \$129,777
 Antelope, Elk, Buffalo, Mule Deer, Bear and Sheep

Organizations That Auction or Raffle Big Game Permits

Foundation for North American Wild Sheep

		Sheep	Moose	Goat
Nevada	1984-1993	\$415,000		
Montana	1986-1993	\$789,000	\$35,000	
Arizona	1984-1993	\$742,000		
Wyoming	1983-1993	\$480,000		
Utah	1983-1993	\$192,000		
North Dakota	1986-1993	\$209,000		
Idaho	1988-1993	\$216,000		
California	1988-1993	\$339,000		
Colorado	1989-1993	\$195,000		\$45,000
New Mexico	1990-1993	\$238,000		
Oregon	1992-1993	\$159,000		

Safari Club International

Wyoming	Sheep Permit	1990	\$36,000
	Mountain Moose	1990	\$10,000
	Sheep Permit	1991	\$24,500

The Safari Club has been auctioning and raffling permits for many years. Only data from recent years was available.

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Nevada	Elk Tag	1993	\$12,000
California	Elk Tag	1993	\$20,000
Arizona	Elk Tag	1993	\$42,000

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STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
BILL ANALYSIS

DEPARTMENT Fish and Game	DIVISION Wildlife Conservation	BILL NUMBER CSHB 239 (RES)	SPONSOR Representative Bunde
SHORT TITLE OF BILL Auction or Raffle of Big Game Permits			
DEPARTMENT POSITION Support			
PREPARED BY Wayne Regelin <i>WR</i>	DATE 4/6/93	<i>[Signature]</i>	DATE

SUMMARY

OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED BY BILL none	CONSTITUENT GROUPS AFFECTED BY BILL hunters, wildlife viewers, all persons who benefit from wildlife management programs
ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT FOR BILL unknown	ORGANIZATIONAL OPPOSITION TO BILL none known

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE FISCAL NOTE ATTACHED

BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE INTENT

This bill would allow the department to raffle or auction up to two permits annually to take selected big game species. The raffle or auction would be conducted by the department or a qualified organization. Up to ten percent of the profits from the raffle or auction could be retained by the organization with the balance deposited into the Fish and Game Fund. Persons receiving permits under this Act would be eligible to receive a complimentary hunting license and big game tag.

ANALYSIS OF BILL/PROGRAM EFFECTS

Similar raffles/auctions in other western states have raised millions of dollars for state wildlife management programs. Because of the possibilities Alaska has to offer in the way of hunting opportunity and combination hunts, we anticipate that the long-term potential for generating revenue for wildlife management will be substantial. Revenues raised will help create a stable funding base for the Division of Wildlife Conservation and help the department maintain existing research and management programs in the face of declining appropriations to the operating budget.

Permits issued under this bill will not diminish hunting opportunities for resident hunters and will not have adverse Biological impacts on any wildlife population.

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

None

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
POSITION PAPER

Bill No: CSRS 219 (RES)

Sponsor: Representative Bunde

Division: wildlife Conservation

Bill Title: An Act relating to raffles and auctions of certain permits to take big game; and providing for an effective date.

Department Position: Support

Background/Legislative Intent: This bill would allow the department to raffle or auction up to two permits annually to take selected big game species. The raffle or auction would be conducted by the department or a qualified organization. Up to ten percent of the profits from the raffle or auction could be retained by the organization with the balance deposited into the Fish and Game Fund. Persons receiving permits under this Act would be eligible to receive a complimentary hunting license and big game tag.

Analysis of Bill/Program Effects: Similar raffles/auctions in other western states have raised millions of dollars for state wildlife management programs. Because of the possibilities Alaska has to offer in the way of hunting opportunity and combination hunts, we anticipate that the long-term potential for generating revenue for wildlife management will be substantial. Revenues raised will help create a stable funding base for the Division of Wildlife Conservation and help the department maintain existing research and management programs in the face of declining appropriations to the operating budget.

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Amendments Proposed: None.

Dr. 
Commissioner's Signature

Date 4/17/93